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Innswell Hill

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Sir

I trust you will pardon me for presuming as a stranger to write to you on the subject of the delegation of Women to the Convention, and the refusal of the Convention to receive them in that character.

I was present at, and as a delegate took part in the debate, but I am unable to be at the Convention tomorrow.

I hear, that at present you incline not to act as a delegate yourself, for reasons which have been named to me, but as they do not come from yourself I do not enter upon them, as I might be combating reasons which are not really yours. But I take the liberty



of suggesting for your consideration that you might draw a protest in which the whole matter might be set forth and <sup>tender</sup> that protest to the Convention.

This, it may be presumed the Opponents of the Women delegates will object to, and probably to your being heard, upon it, Any delegate may then move that your protest be entered on the minutes on account of the importance of the subject to which it refers, and thus a debate will be raised, not in violation of the resolution already passed, but which may be useful to this important subject, for publicity will thereby be secured.

I took the liberty in a note to Mr Wendell Phillips yesterday of suggesting the propriety of giving notice at this Convention that he should recommend the Societies in America to continue to delegate Women, and raise the debate upon their rights



at every future Convention

This will keep the mind of the Convention  
alive to the subject, and it will ultimately  
be carried because it is right.

We owe much to Mr Wendall <sup>Phillips</sup> ~~Phelps~~  
for his firmness in resisting the urgent  
entreaties made to him to withdraw his  
motion.

I am aware how much your time must  
be occupied, and as a stranger, I have  
no right to intrude an invitation upon  
you. I apologize therefore for saying that  
if it should be convenient to you on  
Sunday next to drive as far as Inwood  
Hill in the afternoon, I shall be very  
glad to see you and you will meet  
my friends William and Mary Smith  
(unless some unexpected circumstance  
should prevent their coming,) whom it  
may be a pleasure to you to meet.



Lucretia Mott is I think also likely to  
come, with Mr Daves and Mr Ruple

We dine at 3 o'clock and shall be  
glad to see you there, or before or after, as  
may best accord with your arrangements  
and inclinations

Whether I see you or not, accept my thanks  
for all that you have done and are doing  
for human redemption in this world  
and believe me to be

yours faithfully

Wm Asburys

Massell Hill is near Hovey  
and a Cab will bring you for 5  
pence to the town